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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 19, with the following paragraph:

Referring now to FIGS. 1A, 1B and 2, apparatus 10 is a combination thread spool and bobbin holder preferably having spool retention section 20 carried on bobbin retention section 30. Spool retention section 20 is preferably formed as a generally bow-legged wedge device preferably having first leg 26, second leg 28, base 32, support 33 and tip 34. First end 36 of first leg 26 and first end 38 of second leg 28 are preferably carried by base 32 of spool retention section 20, preferably proximate to rear 295 of bobbin retention section 30, wherein first leg 26, second leg 28 and rear 295 comprise a 'U'-shape, and wherein rear 295 comprises the bottom of said Support 33 is preferably cylindrical in form, but it will be recognized by those in the art that other shapes can easily substituted without changing the functionality. Support 33 preferably provides a rest against which spool S can reside when pushed fully onto spool retention section 20. By placing the end of thread T between spool S and support 33, thread T is preferably held firmly, preventing unravelling of spool S.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 13, with the following paragraph:

20 preferably retain bobbin B and spool S, respectively, wherein spool S and bobbin B are non-coaxial with respect to each other, and wherein bobbin retention section 30 and spool retention section 20 are preferably fixably joined, such as, for exemplary purposes only, having been molded as one piece or assembled with adhesive from their separate sections. Apparatus 10 is preferably formed by injection molding, but it should be recognized by one skilled in the art that other suitable processes might be utilized.